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B. Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12. (cancelled)

Claim 13. (new) Rotary device for removing weeds from joints in a paved area, comprising:

an elongate frame which is provided with a handle;

a drive unit mounted on the frame;

a brush element which is connected to the drive unit in such a manner that it can be driven in rotation about an axis of rotation which extends substantially in a direction which is transverse with respect to the frame; and

a guide wheel coupled to the frame, the guide wheel and the brush element being provided on either side of the bottom end of the frame,

wherein the distance (x) between the guide wheel and a centre axis of the frame is at least double the distance (y) between the brush element and the centre axis of the frame.

Claim 14. (new) Rotary device according to claim 13, wherein the centre of gravity (z) of the drive unit is positioned closer to the brush element than to the guide wheel.

Claim 15. (new) Rotary device according to claim 14, wherein the distance between the guide wheel and the centre of gravity (z) of the drive unit is at least double the distance between the brush element and the centre of gravity (z) of the drive unit.

Claim 16. (new) Rotary device according to claim 13, wherein the distance (x) between the guide wheel and the centre axis of the frame is greater than 10 centimetres.

Claim 17. (new) Rotary device according to one claim 13, wherein the distance (y) between the brush element and the centre axis of the frame is less than 5 centimetres.

Claim 18. (new) Rotary device according to one claim 13, wherein the output drive shaft of the drive unit is positioned substantially at right angles to the axis of rotation of the brush element.

Claim 19. (new) Rotary device according to claim 18, wherein the output drive shaft of the drive unit, as seen in the transverse direction, extends substantially at the centre axis of the frame.

Claim 20. (new) Rotary device according to claim 13, further comprising a safety guard which is provided around part of the brush element, which safety guard extends over more than half the outer circumference of the brush element.

Claim 21. (new) Rotary device according to claim 20, wherein the safety guard is provided, on its rear-facing side, with a mud flap.

Claim 22. (new) Rotary device according to claim 13, wherein the frame is of adjustable length.

Claim 23. (new) Rotary device according to claim 13, wherein the distance (x+y) between the guide wheel and the brush element is greater than 15 centimetres.

Claim 24. (new) Rotary device according to claim 13, wherein the drive unit is provided in the vicinity of the bottom end of the frame, and in particular has its output drive shaft ending at the axis of rotation of the brush element.